

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
OCTOBER 16, 2013
(OPEN SESSION)

C O M M I S S I O N E R S P R E S E N T :

RIGO SANCHEZ, President

JEFFREY LEVINE, Vice-President

MENACHEM BAZIAN, Treasurer

GLORIA KOLODZIEJ, Secretary

THOMAS P. DeVITA

ROBERT VANNOY

CHRYSTAL A. CLEAVES

A L S O P R E S E N T :

JOSEPH A. BELLA, Executive Director

GEORGE T. HANLEY, Counsel

JAMES G. DUPREY, Director of Engineering

JAMES J. GALLAGHER, Personnel Director

YITZ WEISS, Comptroller

LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

1 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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3 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
4 present respond in the affirmative. President
5 Sanchez is not present yet)

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7 You have a quorum.

8 The time is 9:39 a.m.

9 All of the requirements of the Open Public
10 Meetings Act have been met. Notices have been
11 furnished to all Commissioners; City Clerks of
12 Paterson, Passaic, and Clifton; North Jersey
13 Herald News; The Record - Passaic County edition
14 and the Commission's Executive Staff with a copy
15 posted at the main bulletin board at the Clifton
16 facility.

17 Will you please rise.

18 Mr. Bella, would you, please.

19 We have a number of attorneys, if the
20 Board wishes, we could go to closed session and
21 take care of the attorneys.

22 Do I have a motion?

23 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So moved.

24 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

25 WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public

1 Meetings Act permits of the exclusion from a
2 meeting in certain circumstances;

3 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion
4 that such circumstances presently exist;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the
6 Commissioners of Passaic Valley Water Commission:

7 1. The public shall be excluded from
8 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
9 matters; the general nature of the subject matter
10 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,
11 Contracts, Negotiations, Security, Law:
12 Summary/Aging, North Arlington v. PVWC, Peachtree
13 v. PVWC, Prismatic v. PVWC, JAK Diamond v. PVWC.
14 Under Personnel: We have appointment - Patrick
15 Porcaro. Promotion: Mayer Rosenberg, Keith
16 Witte, William Torrento, Mario Cucuzzella, Joseph
17 Kikulka, Stanley McDowell, Daniel Pasquariello,
18 Richard Zangoglia, Kevin Bower. New Hires: Ray
19 Adams, Jr., Gary Laquaglia, John Feliciano, Daniel
20 Rosol, Joseph Mascolo, Christopher Cummings, Jr.,
21 Sergio Cespedes. Union negotiations. Under
22 Administration: Amendment to Agreement Deed of
23 Easement with the Township of Verona. And any
24 other matter as may be discussed in camera.

25 2. It is anticipated at this time that

1 the above-stated subject matters will be ratified
2 during public meeting following or as soon
3 thereafter as the reason for discussion no longer
4 exists.

5 3. This Resolution shall take effect
6 immediately.

7 On the roll.

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9 (Whereupon, President Sanchez is present
10 at 9:41 a.m.)

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12 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
13 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
14 Vannoy and Sanchez are out of the room)

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16 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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20 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
21 respond in the affirmative)

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23 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

24 You have a quorum.

25 The time is 10:45 a.m.

1 Quickly, we'll do the Consent Agenda.

2 Minutes of Passaic Valley in camera and
3 Regular session meetings held September 11 and
4 September 27, 2013.

5 Do I have a motion?

6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: So moved.

7 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

8 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
9 DeVita.

10 Second by Commission Kolodziej.

11 On the roll.

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13 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
14 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Bazian
15 was out of the room)

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17 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

18 Does the Chair accept, receive, and file
19 miscellaneous purchase orders from Purchasing
20 Agent, Linda Beckering, for the period of
21 September 2, 2013 to October 4th, 2013.

22 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes.

23 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

24 If you like to do one vote. You can do
25 that.

1 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Can we do that,
2 please.

3 MR. AMODIO: We have Requests For Action
4 and Resolutions. If you give me an opportunity,
5 I'll read them.

6 Contract #13-B-11 "Furnish and Deliver
7 Repair Clamps, Tapping Sleeves and Couplings for
8 Pipe" Recommendations to award a two-year contract
9 to HD Supply Waterworks, LTD, of Edison, New
10 Jersey in the amount of \$394,807.50. Note: Items
11 4, 7, 8, and 42 will be procured separately, by
12 appropriate means, if and when required.

13 Contract #13-B-32 "Furnish and Deliver
14 Forklifts and Appurtenances" That's actually
15 rejected and rebid.

16 Next, we have Procurement under New Jersey
17 State Contract T2007-A83013, Procurement of two
18 2014 Ford Explorer vehicles purchased from Beyer
19 Ford, of Morristown, New Jersey, in the amount of
20 \$52,010.

21 Next, we have Procurement under New Jersey
22 State Contract, Procurement of Furniture and
23 Fixtures, purchased from Haworth, Inc., of
24 Holland, Michigan in the amount of \$49,704.81.

25 Next, we have a Resolution authorizing a

1 six-month contract for the renewal of maintenance
2 of PVWC's Proprietary Software System with SunGard
3 Public Sector in the amount of \$52,420.29.

4 Do I have a motion?

5 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Move by Commissioner
6 Levine.

7 Second by Commissioner Vannoy.

8 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: On that last item,
9 can we split that?

10 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Last one separate it.

11 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I have a question on
12 number 9.

13 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I looked at this. I
15 have no idea what's being bought other a couple of
16 desks and chairs and stuff like that. Has finance
17 gone over this?

18 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No.

19 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: No.

20 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Is that something
21 you should do? It was \$50,000 worth of furniture.

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We're meeting
23 next week. We can certainly carry it over.

24 MR. WEISS: This is the furniture for the
25 new area.

1 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: No, I understand.

2 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: You don't know Ikea,
3 Guys?

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Can that be tabled
5 so finance can go over it? I went over it all.

6 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Separate.

7 MR. AMODIO: Item number 9 will be tabled.

8 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: And the last item is
9 done separately.

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Well, I can ask my
11 question.

12 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: This six months we
14 offered to SunGard, how does that play into our
15 replacement?

16 MR. BELLA: We think it will be about a
17 year before we actually finish. It's six months
18 and six months, right?

19 MR. WEISS: We're actually not replacing
20 the entire SunGard system. So we're going to need
21 as we go --

22 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Why six months at a
23 time?

24 MR. WEISS: Because the Commission asked
25 that a visceral reaction to pay them about

1 \$100,000 at once for a year's --

2 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Are you comfortable?
3 You supervised that?

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We're kind of locked
5 in. We have to pay one way or another. My
6 question is: If we go back to them and say 12
7 months, can we get it at a better price?

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: If we can get a
9 better price.

10 MR. WEISS: Our experience has been we
11 haven't.

12 MR. GALLAGHER: They never budged one way
13 or the other.

14 MR. WEISS: Generally --

15 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Let's approve this.

16 MR. AMODIO: So on the --

17 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Six months?

18 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

19 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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21 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
22 respond in the affirmative)

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24 MR. AMODIO: Approved.

25 New Business: Summary of disbursements

1 and payrolls through October 16, 2013, in the
2 amount of \$6,978,809.18.

3 Do I have a motion?

4 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So moved.

5 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
6 Vannoy.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Second.

8 MR. AMODIO: By Commission Levine.

9 On the roll.

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11 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
12 respond in the affirmative)

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14 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Abstain from
15 American Hose and Damico, Del Sardo.

16 MR. AMODIO: American Hose and Damico, Del
17 Sardo.

18 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Abstain on Rachles
19 Michele.

20 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Abstain on Montana.

21 MR. AMODIO: We have recommendations from
22 closed session.

23 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Can I do this
24 personnel thing as one vote, please?

25 Can I get a motion?

1 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yes, sir.

2 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Second by Commissioner
3 Cleaves.

4 Once I'm not going to be President, you're
5 going to spend the whole day here.

6 MR. AMODIO: If you give me an opportunity
7 to read it.

8 Appointment: Patrick Porcaro - Principal
9 Engineer.

10 Promotions: Mayer Rosenberg - Assistant
11 Supervising Electrician.

12 Keith Witte - Senior Water Treatment Plant
13 Repairer.

14 William Torrento - Assistant Maintenance
15 Supervisor.

16 Mario Cucuzzella - Assistant Maintenance
17 Supervisor.

18 Joseph Mikulka - Maintenance Repairer.

19 Stanley McDowell - Maintenance Repairer.

20 Daniel Pasquariello - Assistant General
21 Supervising Maintenance Repairer.

22 Richard Zangoglia - Building
23 Superintendent.

24 Kevin Bower - Mechanic.

25 New Hires: Ray L. Adams, Jr.

1 Gary Laquaglia.

2 John Feliciano.

3 Daniel Rosol.

4 Joseph Mascolo.

5 Christopher S. Cummings, Jr.

6 Sergio Cespedes.

7 On the roll.

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9 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
10 respond in the affirmative)

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12 MR. AMODIO: Approved.

13 Next, we have the Amendment to Agreement
14 and Easement with the Township of Verona.

15 Do I have a motion?

16 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

17 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

18 Do I have a second?

19 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

20 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

21 On the roll.

22 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
23 respond in the affirmative)

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25 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

1 If we can go back up on the agenda, I
2 don't know if there's any committee reports.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We have finance and
4 IT.

5 MR. AMODIO: Okay, Sir.

6 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Under finance, we've
7 been working on our budget review. We hope to be
8 done by the end of this month. There was some
9 discussion from Jim about perhaps the necessity
10 for a special meeting to make it approved. The
11 contract would be with the union, so if that
12 happens then, hopefully, we'll be able to bring
13 the budget in for approval by October 31st which
14 would put us in line with what is the requirement.

15 We're actively looking at the budget
16 trying to look at where we can possibly save some
17 money; looking at certain departments, trying to
18 do some historical analysis. We have noted some
19 accounts that seem to be somewhat over budget and
20 we're asking questions about that; one of which
21 was the summer help program which seemed to be the
22 largest percentage - slash - dollar amount that
23 was out of budget and we're looking into that.

24 We also discussed the new Customer Service
25 system. A choice has been made. Remind me,

1 what's the choice on that? Advanced.

2 MR. WEISS: Advanced.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Advanced.

4 You were going to send me an e-mail on
5 that, by the way.

6 MR. WEISS: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So I can do a little
8 research.

9 Commissioner Kolodziej, do you have
10 anything to say?

11 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No. Right on
12 target.

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: In terms of
14 technology, we all saw a copy of the letter with
15 regards to the cameras on the vehicles. That was
16 something that had been discussed in IT some
17 months ago. Glad to see that that's in operation.
18 I think that would be very useful. I would be
19 interested in knowing what we're doing in terms of
20 keeping an eye on incidents of perhaps going off
21 mysteriously and things like that --

22 MR. BELLA: We're watching.

23 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: The other thing that
24 we're discussing is the web site. We had a little
25 bit of a discussion yesterday and I had a little

1 bit of discussion this morning. I want to make
2 sure that the new web site that comes in will be
3 mobile friendly, because I can tell you the trend
4 is more and more on the mobile devices rather than
5 the desktop and things such as that. That's
6 something we're actively working towards.

7 The competitive bid for that has not gone
8 out yet. After we review the scope of work and we
9 have a discussion on that then it will.

10 I think that's everything.

11 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We had a meeting,
12 some of the attorneys were present in personnel
13 matters. We're not going to go into, but we
14 discussed the status with them. We also discussed
15 the issue with tenants and owner city buildings
16 should be paying water bills, since we keep track
17 of all the water bills. So that's being reviewed
18 to see who the tenants are, et cetera.

19 We discussed changes in various titles and
20 that was it. Good meeting.

21 We got our update from George and Lisa
22 from the Legal Department about our pending cases.

23 MR. AMODIO: We just have two items, we
24 can do it as one. It's under Executive Director's
25 report; items b and c:

1 Request permission to advertise for
2 proposals for Project 14-P-47 "Professional
3 Services For Rehabilitation of the Great Falls
4 Bridges."

5 And Passaic County Cerebral Palsy -
6 Request use of PVWC's garage at the Clifton depot
7 on October 22nd to conduct their annual emergency
8 drill. We have the hold harmless and everything
9 is in place.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Move.

11 MR. AMODIO: Okay.

12 Move by Commissioner Kolodziej.

13 Do I have a second?

14 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

15 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Vannoy.

16 On the roll.

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18 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
19 respond in the affirmative)

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21 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

22 Anything for the Controller?

23 Joe, would you like to give a brief
24 report?

25 MR. BELLA: We have the project, the big

1 project we have going on down at Valley of the
2 Rocks. That's going very well so far. Much more
3 difficult than we thought it was. We're probably
4 going to do a whole rehabilitation in that area
5 down there because the way they change things, but
6 that's real important in our system because that's
7 our backup system right there. That's the system
8 that the plant goes down, we're able to fill the
9 system and keep everything. And the Distribution
10 Department did a great job on this.

11 The plant operations moved. Running very
12 well. The cost in terms of treatment is down
13 because of the good weather and getting a little
14 dry. Actually, I'd say we're getting in the
15 beginning of the month of this, we're going to
16 start to see some action in terms of drought
17 watches.

18 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: So start singing so it
19 starts raining. That's what they used to do.

20 MR. BELLA: The summer the last two months
21 have been dry.

22 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: It's been dry.

23 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Can I ask a
24 question?

25 Joe, call rate, is that when people hang

1 up?

2 MR. BELLA: Yes, before we --

3 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: If you put them on
4 hold for two hours, sure they hang up.

5 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Is that because
6 they're holding on too long?

7 MR. BELLA: It might be because of that or
8 it might be because people, a lot of what we're
9 seeing now, people are calling in and go through
10 the menu and they can pay, they go, instead of
11 waiting, they'll call in. We're able to track
12 that with the new system if they come right back
13 into the system.

14 MR. AMODIO: Anything further for Joe?
15 Move onto Controller's Report.

16 MR. WEISS: Just very quickly. Cash on
17 hand is 21.5 million.

18 Our accounts receivable is 13.6 million.
19 Our 30 days or less are at 13 million. That's
20 96 percent 30 days or less, which is great.

21 Accounts payable is 3.5 million.

22 The cash on hand is high for two reasons:
23 Number one, because we're collecting still from
24 the summer; and number two, because we got bond
25 payments coming up so we need money to pay the

1 bonds.

2 Two quick things. You already heard about
3 the budget. I guess that's three.

4 In terms of the investments, I know we
5 just started doing investments. We're purchasing
6 paper from other municipalities. That's been
7 going very well. We just picked up another note
8 last week for 1.28 percent which is about four
9 times the rate we're getting from the bank, which
10 is great.

11 The second thing is the RFP that we did
12 for the banking, our bank charges has dropped by
13 about 50 percent and we're expecting that it's
14 going to actually, we're going to wipe them out
15 completely with offsetting balances.

16 Last thing, I apologize, I swear. Just
17 piggybacking on what Commissioner Bazian said. I
18 just wanted to give kudos to the evaluation team.
19 We got team managers from the Customer Service
20 from Billing, from Accounting, and from
21 Distribution that have been really going above and
22 beyond to put extra time in to make sure we're
23 picking the proper software, to do site visits.
24 They're doing a tremendous job. So I just want to
25 give them credit.

1 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Do we have Good and
2 Welfare?

3 I have something to say for all of you.
4 My fellow Commissioner Bazian had his first
5 grandchild. This kid has been a miracle. Now he
6 doesn't call me about everything. All he does is
7 talk about his grandchild and I'm as happy as he
8 is. That's what I want to say.

9 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We're all happy.

10 MR. AMODIO: Okay. There will be nothing
11 else.

12 Motion to adjourn.

13 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

14 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
15 Vannoy.

16 Time is 11:00 a.m.

17 Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,
18 November 20th is the next meeting.

19 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: You have a problem.
20 You have the League of Municipalities.

21 MR. AMODIO: Commissioners, please don't
22 go anywhere. Commissioner Levine.

23 The next meeting is scheduled for
24 November 20th but that's the League of
25 Municipalities.

1 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: We have to do it a
2 week before.

3 MR. AMODIO: You want to do it the 13th?

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Question: When's
5 Thanksgiving?

6 MR. AMODIO: The 28th, which would be the
7 following week.

8 Everybody good on the 13th?

9 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: What about the 27th?

10 MR. AMODIO: I said that. Hold on, hold
11 on. Commissioner Cleaves cannot make the 13th.

12 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Listen, if she cannot
13 make it, it's understandable, but I think for me,
14 personally, it's a better week to have it on the
15 13th with your consent.

16 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Yes.

17 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Then the 13th at 9:30.
18 Everybody okay with that? We're changing the
19 meeting to the 13th at 9:30.

20 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Bazian, the 13th
21 at 9:30 a.m.

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23 (Proceedings concluded)

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